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2022 NSA Cyber Exercise Standings

PAO <pao@usna.edu>

Mon, Apr 18, 2022 at 12:40 PM

To: David Tuma <editor@usna-at-large.com>

Bcc: (b) (6) @usna.edu

Mr. Tuma,

The Naval Academy Cyber Security Team, who went into the competition this year as defending champions, placed 3rd in the Cyber Combat Exercise on the final day of the annual National Security Agency (NSA) Cyber Exercise (NCX). The Cyber Combat Exercise involved attacking and defending against the other teams in real-time cyber operations. The overall winner of the competition was the U.S. Air Force Academy.

V/r,

USNA Public Affairs

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David Tuma <editor@usna-at-large.com>
To: PAO <pao@usna.edu>

Mon, Apr 18, 2022 at 12:47 PM

We were trying to reconcile your response below with the USCGA's press release that said it finished 3rd, beating the Naval Academy.

Can you help with our understanding of the USCGA's press release and USNA's finishing 3rd?

From:
<https://www.mycg.uscg.mil/News/Article/2995752/coast-guard-academy-participates-in-nsa-cyber-exercise-2022/>

Dated 18 Apr 22

"The Coast Guard Academy placed third out of 15 teams given it being a quarter of the size of U.S. service academies, beating the Naval Academy. During this year's exercise, cadets, midshipmen, and students engaged with NSA personnel to execute and evaluate cyber mission strategies and complete cyber operation scenarios in real-time." *(Emphasis added)*

w/r,
David

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PAO <pao@usna.edu>

Mon, Apr 18, 2022 at 1:05 PM

To: David Tuma <editor@usna-at-large.com>

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Mr. Tuma,

In my email below, I mentioned that we finished third on the final day's exercise, Cyber Combat Exercise.

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2022 NSA Cyber Exercise Standings

David Tuma <editor@usna-at-large.com>

Mon, Apr 18, 2022 at 1:42 PM

To: PAO <pao@usna.edu>

USNA:

What was USNA's overall standing for the entire exercise?

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PAO <pao@usna.edu>
To: David Tuma <editor@usna-at-large.com>
Bcc: (b) (6) @usna.edu

Mon, Apr 18, 2022 at 2:06 PM

Mr. Tuma,

USNA did not make the overall top three for the entirety of the event.

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David Tuma <editor@usna-at-large.com>
To: Media Relations <mediarelations@usna.edu>
Cc: PAO <pao@usna.edu>

Mon, Apr 18, 2022 at 9:51 AM

USNA:

This is an NMR request for information for the public.

Where did USNA place in the just held subject exercise?

What were the standings for all SAs?

If you can't provide the information right away, please let us know when you will provide it.

Thank you.

w/r,
David

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Cheating on December 2020 Exam

David Tuma <editor@usna-at-large.com>
To: Media Relations <mediarelations@usna.edu>
Cc: PAO <pao@usna.edu>

Sun, Apr 24, 2022 at 4:55 PM

USNA:

This is an NMR request for information to be provided to the public.

1. We recently read an article by Bruce Elleman (*William V. Pratt Professor of International History at the US NWC*) titled:

OPINION: It's the "Varsity" Football Team, Stupid!*

In that opinion piece, he referred to an Email dated 15 April 2022 from USNA PAO providing information on the cheating that took place on the General Physics Exam in December 2020. He stated: "But the USNA PAO did confirm that: "Sixty-one percent of the midshipmen involved are varsity athletes. ... and 66 (62.9%) midshipmen were in the bottom quarter of their class." (Email, 15 April 2022)"

Request: We request a copy of the Email he referred to in his article.

2. We note that our emails of 5/30/21, 6/7/21 and 8/20/21 requesting information on the cheating were apparently ignored - we received no response from USNA to them.

We request USNA respond to our requests for information for the public and provide the information. We note that USNA has provided information on this subject to others - requesting it after we did - without providing it to us.

3. We request that USNA provide all information to us that has been made publicly available on this subject.

We plan to publish a follow-up to today's articles on Tuesday 26 April and would ask the information be provided by 1500 Tuesday. We ask that any of the information not able to be provided as requested be provided as soon as possible.

*<https://www.eyeonannapolis.net/2022/04/opinion-its-the-varsity-football-team-stupid/>

Bruce Elleman is William V. Pratt Professor of International History at the US Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island. The opinions expressed in this article are strictly his own and do not necessarily reflect the views of the US government, US Navy, or US Naval War College.

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Thank you.



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Class of 2026 Parent Information Book

Media Relations <mediarelations@usna.edu>

Mon, Apr 25, 2022 at 10:39 AM

To: David Tuma <editor@usna-at-large.com>

Bcc: (b) (6) @usna.edu

Sir,

The 2026 Parent Information Booklet has not been published. It is generally available to the public closer to Induction Day in June. It should be made available to the public on the [Plebe Summer](#) website when it is published.

V/r,

USNA Public Affairs

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Class of 2026 Parent Information Book

David Tuma <editor@usna-at-large.com>
To: USNA Media Relations <mediarelations@usna.edu>

Mon, Apr 25, 2022 at 12:44 PM

USNA PA,
Thank you very much.

w/r,
David

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Class of 2026 Parent Information Book

David Tuma <editor@usna-at-large.com>
To: Media Relations <mediarelations@usna.edu>
Cc: PAO <pao@usna.edu>

Sun, Apr 24, 2022 at 5:11 PM

USNA:

This is an NMR request for information to be provided to the public.

We plan to publish the information by 1700 Friday but would appreciate the information as soon as it is available and will publish information from it when we receive it - regardless of the date provided.

Please provide a copy of or the URL for public access to the Class of 2026 Parent Information Book or what was sent out that was equivalent to the past Parent Information Books.

w/r,
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Fwd: Demographics for the MIDN who cheated on Physics Exam

Media Relations <mediarelations@usna.edu>

Mon, Apr 25, 2022 at 10:17 AM

To: Alana Garas <garas@usna.edu>

Cc: Colleen Krueger <(b) (6)@usna.edu>, Elizabeth Wrightson <(b) (6)@usna.edu>

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **David Tuma** <editor@usna-at-large.com>

Date: Fri, Aug 20, 2021 at 3:45 PM

Subject: Re: Demographics for the MIDN who cheated on Physics Exam

To: CDR. Garas Alana F. , USN <garas@usna.edu>

Cc: USNA Media Relations <mediarelations@usna.edu>

Thank you for providing the information to us.

When we request information first, we request that we receive the information first or along with other news media organizations IAW Navy and DoD directives.

w/r,
David

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On Aug 20, 2021, at 3:41 PM, Alana Garas <garas@usna.edu> wrote:

**WE DID NOT RESPOND TO ANY MEDIA
QUERIES WITH DEMOGRAPHIC
INFORMATION BEFORE TODAY.**

Other media organizations actually reached out
and asked **TODAY.**

HERE IS WHAT I CAN NOW PROVIDE,
CAPTAIN TUMA.

I can't go into specifics regarding the 18 who were separated but overall (of the 105 investigated) I can tell you that sixty-one percent of the midshipmen involved are varsity athletes; 82.9% were male midshipmen and 17.1% were female midshipmen. As far as ethnicity: Caucasian 50.5%; African American 20%; Hispanic 9.5%; Asian American 5.7%; International 1.9%; Multiple Responses 10.5%.; five (4.8%) of the midshipmen were in the top quartile of their class; 11 (10.5%) midshipmen were in the second quartile of their class; 23 (21.9%) midshipmen were in the third quartile of their class; and 66 (62.9%) midshipmen were in the bottom quarter of their class.

Regards, CDR Garas

On Fri, Aug 20, 2021 at 3:37 PM David Tuma <editor@usna-at-large.com> wrote:

USNA:

We requested demographics information from you on 30 May of this year - before other media organizations requested it.

USNA has provided demographics information to other media organizations but has not provided it to USNA in violation of Navy and DoD directives.

We request that you provide us with the demographics information for those MIDN found cheating on the Physics exam that we requested - and specifically demographics information provided to other news media.

We do not understand USNA's preferential treatment of other media organizations.

Please notify us when the information will be provided. This was a media request for information and a deadline had already been provided along with a request to provide the information as soon as it was available so that we could provide it to the public.

w/r,

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MIDN Kniezewski

David Tuma <editor@usna-at-large.com>

Mon, Apr 18, 2022 at 2:43 PM

To: USNA Media Relations <mediarelations@usna.edu>

USNA:

I was able to obtain the info.

Thank you.

Kara finished at 07:47 min/mile net 03:23:59 #1755 for her gender and 1303 for her division (18-39)

w/r,

David

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MIDN Kniezewski

David Tuma <editor@usna-at-large.com>
To: Media Relations <mediarelations@usna.edu>
Cc: PAO <pao@usna.edu>

Mon, Apr 18, 2022 at 2:28 PM

USNA Public Affairs:
This an NMR request for information for the public

Concerning the USNA news release Re: Goldwater Scholarships

Your release mentions that MIDN Kniezewski "recently qualified for the Boston Marathon, which she will run this month."

Did she run in the Boston Marathon today?
How did she do - place and time?

w/r,
David

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PHONCON with PAO Re: FOIA Appeal DON-NAVY-2021-010463 (FOIA 2021-005877)

PAO <pao@usna.edu>

Wed, Apr 13, 2022 at 1:57 PM

To: David Tuma <editor@usna-at-large.com>

Bcc: (b) (6) @usna.edu

Mr. Tuma,

The Naval Academy Public Affairs Office does not maintain a telephone log, therefore that type of record does not exist. If you believe that we are keeping inadequate records, your recourse would be to file a complaint with the Inspector General.

FOIA deals with existing records, and we are willing to assist you in narrowing down your FOIA request based on the records that we do maintain. In order to do so, **you will need to submit a request with a subject**. Your current request of "media requests to USNA from known media organizations (including their representatives), records of USNA responses to those media requests and records of USNA initiated contacts with media organizations" for the 7-month time frame from 1 OCT 2020-22 APRIL 2021 would require at least **600** unique searches over six individual email accounts based on the media contact list you mentioned. This type of search does not allow our office to conduct a search with a reasonable amount of effort as it is so broad and sweeping that it lacks the specificity of a reasonable search. To reiterate the instructions from Ms. Campbell, in order to conduct a reasonable search for media requests, USNA would need at the minimum a date range and **the topic of the media request (subject of request)** to make a reasonable search.

If you can help us to understand exactly what you are looking for, we may be able to suggest a search subject that might return records material to that topic. Without a subject for your request, you are essentially requesting any and all business done by the Public Affairs Office for a 7-month period. Again, this is unduly burdensome and your request should be modified to have a more narrow focus.

V/r,

USNA Public Affairs

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PHONCON with PAO Re: FOIA Appeal DON-NAVY-2021-010463 (FOIA 2021-005877)

David Tuma <editor@usna-at-large.com>
To: PAO <pao@usna.edu>
Cc: FOIA <FOIA@usna.edu>

Wed, Apr 13, 2022 at 2:45 PM

USNA Public Affairs,

In order to assist in reformulating our request, would you please provide the search parameters that you can use to find records kept?

Our understanding is that a subject is not required for all FOIA requests for records - it is only one of many parameters that may be used. This was confirmed by OJAGs reply which directed certain records be provided to us without being identified by a subject.

What other parameters could you use to located the records you have filed?

Elizabeth stated that there was a document that stated USNA did not have to keep memos of telephone calls. We did not request telephone logs. We requested records of the telephonic correspondence with media representatives - records of business conducted. We can only base our requests on what records, including records of telephonic conversations, the Navy that commands must maintain. If USNA doesn't keep records of telephonic correspondence, then that would be the reply we would expect to our request for the telephonic records.

As we have stated, the subject is not important to the records we are requesting.

If we don't receive information from USNA shortly regarding retrieval parameters for locating records, we will reformulate the request to ensure the information provided for requesting records is similar to the information requirements specified by OJAG for providing the records to us that OJAG said should be provided without further additional information.

Thank you very much for the information you provided below. We look forward to an early response to this request so that we can complete the reformulation quickly.

w/r,
David

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David Tuma <editor@usna-at-large.com>

Sun, Apr 10, 2022 at 9:01 PM

To: FOIA <FOIA@usna.edu>, PAO <pao@usna.edu>

PAO and Ms. Campbell,

At Ms. Campbell's suggestion, we called PAO on Friday to get their assistance WRT reformulating our FOIA Request.

We spoke with Elizabeth.

We requested assistance in identifying the specific parameters that may be used to identify or search for records - dates, addressees, filing with SSIC for media requests, etc.

We also mentioned that the Navy requires (as documented in our FOIA appeal) commands to file memos of telephone conversations.

Elizabeth stated that the PAO office does not have to comply with that requirement and stated she would look for the document that excused them from maintaining memos of telephone conversations with media representatives. We mentioned that there were good reasons for having to have a record of conversations with media representatives which included the requirement to be able to provide the media representative with the information if it is being later provided to another media representative and wasn't provided when requested by the first media representative requesting it.

Another reason, of course, is to be able to document what was told to a media representative in case there is a question about what the media representative reports to the public as having been told by USNA.

Elizabeth stated she had to go to the dress parade but would get back to us with the information.

We look forward to USNA getting back to us with the information we have requested in order to properly reformulate our request.

w/r,
David

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RE: USNA graduation

Elizabeth Wrightson (b) (6) @usna.edu>

Mon, Apr 25, 2022 at 11:12 AM

To: Heather Epkins (b) (6) @usna.com>

Cc: "Judge, Jay" <jjudge@baltsun.com>, "pao@usna.edu" <pao@usna.edu>

Good morning, Jay. The 2022 commencement speaker has not been confirmed. Once we have the official confirmation, it will be included in our Commissioning Week / May Events media advisory. I can put you on the distro email list to receive it.

Very respectfully,

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**Elizabeth B. Wrightson, APR**  
Director of Media Relations  
United States Naval Academy  
Public Affairs Office  
Office: 410-293-2292  
Direct: (b) (6)

V/r,

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Director of Media Relations
United States Naval Academy

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RE: USNA graduation

Heather Epkins (b) (6) @usna.com>
To: "Judge, Jay" <jjudge@baltsun.com>
Cc: "pao@usna.edu" <pao@usna.edu>

Mon, Apr 25, 2022 at 10:27 AM

Hi Jay. Thanks for reaching out. Ccing PAO for USNA. They will know the official word on this news.



Heather Epkins, Ph.D.

Director of Strategic Communications

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From: Judge, Jay <jjudge@baltsun.com>
Sent: Monday, April 25, 2022 9:43 AM
To: Heather Epkins <(b) (6) @usna.com>
Subject: USNA graduation

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the organization.

Heather:

Seeing on another site that President Biden was announced as USNA graduation speaker. Is there an announcement coming out on that today?

jay

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JAY JUDGE

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Tecumseh and Tecumseh Court

Media Relations <mediarelations@usna.edu>

To: David Tuma <editor@usna-at-large.com>

Bcc: (b) (6) @usna.edu

Wed, Apr 27, 2022 at 8:23 AM

Sir,

All USNA materials are in the process of being updated at this time.

V/r,

USNA Public Affairs

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Tecumseh and Tecumseh Court

David Tuma <editor@usna-at-large.com>
To: Media Relations <mediarelations@usna.edu>
Cc: PAO <pao@usna.edu>

Sun, Apr 24, 2022 at 5:07 PM

USNA:

This is an NMR request for information to be provided to the public.

We plan to publish the information by 1700 Tuesday but would appreciate the information as soon as it is available and will publish when we receive it - regardless of the date provided.

USNA has referred to Tecumseh Court for many years - either by T-Court or Tecumseh Court.

Recently, the Superintendent and others have discussed changing the name of the Statue residing in Tecumseh Court from Tecumseh to some other name.

Requests for information:

What is the current - official name - of the statue referred to in the past as Tecumseh?

If the name is no longer Tecumseh, please provide the date of the official change and the document that made the change official.

What is the current - official name - of the court referred to in the past as Tecumseh Court?

If the name is no longer Tecumseh Court, please provide the date of the official change and the document that made the change official.

w/r,
David

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Re: USNA Home Website has no search function

David Tuma <editor@usna-at-large.com>

Wed, Jul 21, 2021 at 12:24 PM

To: PAO <pao@usna.edu>, (b) (6) usna.edu>, "CDR. Garas Alana F. ,USN" <garas@usna.edu>, USNA Media Relations <mediarelations@usna.edu>

USNA,

Thank you for letting us know that part of the site operability has returned.

In conducting a search just after your notification, we noticed that some hot links don't work that were working earlier this morning.

For example, hot links with some of the course descriptions are no long active although they indicate they are still hot links. They worked earlier today..

When will that full capability - that was present before bringing the search function back on - be available to the public?

This is an NMR request - we'd like to be sure to provide the correct information to the public.

Our deadline is 1400 today - but we will publish it as soon as you provide the information.

Please let us know when it will be able to be provided.

w/r,

David

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On Jul 21, 2021, at 8:44 AM, PAO <pao@usna.edu> wrote:

Good morning,

The search function has been restored.

V/r,

USNA Public Affairs

On Sat, Jul 10, 2021 at 8:14 AM David Tuma <editor@usna-at-large.com> wrote:

USNA:

DoD requires official Navy websites to have an operable search feature such that the public can search the site for public content.

USNA's official Navy website (<https://www.usna.edu/homepage.php>) has no search function for content.

USNA PAO is responsible for maintaining four official Navy websites - this is one of them.

When will USNA's website have the required search function for content required by DoD?

This is an NMR request for information for the public.

Deadline is 1400 Monday, 12 July 2021.

w/r,

David

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Coronavirus Guidance for the public now that USNA is observing HPCON A

David Tuma <editor@usna-at-large.com>

Sun, Jul 25, 2021 at 8:17 AM

To: USNA Media Relations <mediarelations@usna.edu>

Cc: "CDR. Garas Alana F. ,USN" <garas@usna.edu>

USNA:

This is an NMR request for information to be provided to the public.

The information with respect to coronavirus guidance provided on USNA's official website (<https://www.usna.edu/COVID-19/index.php>) is confusing to the public and makes it difficult for the public to understand it now that USNA has returned to HPCON A and much of what is there is no longer applicable.

What specifically on the website is the public still required to comply with and observe due to Coronavirus and HPCON A ?

What specifically on the website is the public normally required to comply with and observe when there are no restrictions due to Coronavirus?

Our deadline is 1200 tomorrow, Monday, 26 July. If you can't meet that, please provide the information that is available and let us know when the other information will be available. We will provide it to the public as soon as it is received.

It is important for the public to know which restrictions are in place that have nothing to do with Coronavirus and which restrictions are in place due to Coronavirus.

If you aren't able to provide the information today please at least let us know when USNA will be able to provide the information.

w/r,
David

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USNA NEWS: USNA MIDSHIPMAN SUSTAINS NON-LIFE THREATENING INJURIES DURING AIRCRAFT INCIDENT AT EASTON AIRPORT

David Tuma <editor@usna-at-large.com>

Thu, Jun 24, 2021 at 4:46 PM

To: "CDR. Garas Alana F. ,USN" <garas@usna.edu>, USNA Media Relations <mediarelations@usna.edu>

USNA:

A media request for info for the public

deadline immediate

Is the PFP an ECA

Where is the website for it

Is it the same as the Naval Academy Flying Squadron?

What is the difference between the PFP and the NAFS/

Thank you

w/r,

David

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